

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10875–S10961

Measures Introduced: Ten bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1583–1592. Page S10929

Measures Passed:

Indian Health Service Position: Senate passed S. 299, to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act: Senate passed S. 401, to provide for business development and trade promotion for Native Americans, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Indian Tribal Economic Development and Contract Encouragement Act: Senate passed S. 613, to encourage Indian economic development, and to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Indian Tribal Regulatory Reform and Business Development Act: Senate passed S. 614, to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Alaska Native and American Indian Direct Reimbursement Act: Senate passed S. 406, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Transportation Appropriations: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2084, making appropriations for

the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S10875–79, S10892–S10923

Adopted:

Wyden Modified Amendment No. 1625, to make available funds for the investigation of unfair or deceptive practices and unfair methods of competition by air carriers, foreign air carriers, and ticket agents involving the failure to disclose information on the over booking of flights.

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Wyden Amendment No. 1626, to make available funds for the investigation of unfair or deceptive practices and unfair methods of competition by air carriers and foreign air carrier involving denying airline consumers access to information on the lowest fare available.

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Shelby (for Daschle) Amendment No. 1661, to make available funds for apportionment to the sponsors of primary airports taking account of temporary air service interruptions to those airports.

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Shelby (for Inhofe) Modified Amendment No. 1663, to express the sense of the Congress that the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration should develop a national policy and related procedures concerning the interface of the Terminal Automated Radar Display and Information System and en route surveillance systems for Visual Flight Rule (VFR) air traffic control towers.

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By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 276), Helms Amendment No. 1658, expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States Census Bureau should include marital status on the short form census questionnaire to be distributed to the majority of American households for the 2000 decennial census.

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Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 275), Gorton Amendment No. 1677, to express the sense of the Senate concerning corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards for sport utility vehicles and other light trucks.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 63 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 274), provision beginning on page 21, line 1 through page 22, line 11, relating to the distribution of revenue aligned budget authority (RABA), of the committee-reported bill, was voted to be germane. Subsequently, the point of order, that the RABA provision is legislation on an appropriations bill which violates Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, on Thursday, September 16, 1999.

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Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2490, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, on Thursday, September 16, 1999, with a vote on adoption to occur thereon.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—276) Pages S10906, S10921–22

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 8:24 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 16, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10960–61.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—VA/HUD

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

TELEMEDICINE TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings on how telemedicine technologies are impacting rural health care, after receiving testimony from James Brick, West Virginia University Department of Medicine (Robert C. Byrd Health Science Center), Morgantown; Sam Burgiss, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville; Richard Ferrans, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans; Lt. Col. Ronald K. Poropatich, USA, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the American Telemedicine Association; and Aaron S. Waitz, Eastman Kodak Company, Allendale, New Jersey.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Sylvia V. Baca, of New Mexico, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management, and Ivan Itkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Ms. Baca was introduced by Senator Domenici, and Mr. Itkin was introduced by Senator Spector.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of James G. Huse, Jr., of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, and Neal S. Wolin, of Illinois, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Sally Katzen, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Levin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

FALN MEMBERS CLEMENCY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine certain implications of the President's grant of clemency for members of the Armed Forces of National Liberation (the FALN), receiving testimony from Puerto Rico Representative Angel M. Cintron, San Juan; Gilbert G. Gallegos, Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, Washington, D.C.; Rev. C. Nozomi Ikuta, United Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio; Rocco Pascarella, Washingtonville,